

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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2001 Annual Access Tariff Filings	)	CC Docket No. 01-206
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**REFUND PLAN  
OF  
ALLTEL Telephone Systems, Inc. (ALLTEL)**

**I. Introduction and Summary**

On December 3, 2001, the Commission released a *Memorandum Opinion and Order*<sup>1</sup> (“the Order”) directing the ALLTEL Telephone Systems companies (“ALLTEL”) to recalculate its Dial Equipment Minutes (“DEM”) factors and restate local switching rates accordingly. The Order also ordered ALLTEL to submit to the Common Carrier Bureau a plan for the issuance of refunds resulting from the newly filed rates. The Commission ordered ALLTEL to file its plan within 60 days of the released of the Order.<sup>2</sup>

ALLTEL hereby submits its proposed plan to issue refunds to all inter-exchange carriers (“IXCs”) affected by the above mentioned rate change. All affected IXCs will be

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of 2001 Annual Access Tariff Filings*, CC Docket No. 01-206, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 01-352 (released December 3, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> Id. at ¶23.

provided refunds where the local switching rate was decreased pursuant to the Commission's Order for the July 3, 2001 to the December bill cycle, the time at which the new rate was calculated and updated into ALLTEL's billing systems. ALLTEL has applied an annual interest rate of 6% to the refund amount from July 3, 2001 to January 29, 2002 (210 days). ALLTEL proposes to issue an "Other Charges and Credit" (OC&C) to all IXC's on their access bills in the February and/or March bill cycles.

## **II. Refund Calculation<sup>3</sup>**

1. Retrieve all interstate local switching minutes by carrier from July 3, 2001 to December 2001 for the companies where the local switching rate decreased pursuant to the Commission's Order.
2. Multiply the above interstate local switching minutes by the difference in the rate originally filed and the new rate filed with ALLTEL's Direct Case.
3. Multiply the refund amount by .01644 [6.0%/365 days] multiplied by 210 days.
4. Refunds are based on actual interstate local switching minutes billed from July 3, 2001 to December 2001.
5. Refunds will be applied to the IXC's bills as an OC&C on the February and/or March bills.

## **III. Conclusion**

ALLTEL has endeavored to calculate the refunds and present a refund plan in

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<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 1 contains a summary of these calculations by study area.

accordance with the requirements of the Order. At such time as the plan is approved, implementation of the plan and the refund process will expeditiously proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Exhibit 1**